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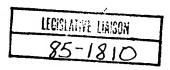
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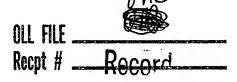
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24 June 1985



The Honorable Claude Pepper
Chairman
Subcommittee on Health and Long-Term Care
Select Committee on Aging
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The records of this Agency were canvassed as a result of your 5 June 1985 letter concerning the issue of fraudulent degrees and professional credentials.

In specific reply, we have received no referrals from the FBI, no employees have been hired on the basis of suspect degrees or credentials, none were promoted, and no formal action has been taken concerning them.

I hope that the above information is helpful to you.

Very sincerely,

John H. Stein Inspector General STAT

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

FROM:

Robert W. Magee

Director of Personnel

Fraudulent Degrees and Professional Credentials

- 1. This in response to your 11 June 1985 memorandum which inquires whether this office has any knowledge of the use of fraudulent academic credentials by Agency employees. It is my understanding that your interest in this matter is prompted by a letter from Representative Claude Pepper asking for any information on employees of the Federal Government who have obtained degrees and/or credentials from nonexistent or "diploma mill" institutions.
- 2. My office attempted to obtain a list of educational institutions offering the "fraudulent" diplomas but neither the FBI nor Congressman Pepper's subcommittee had such a list. We did, however, use NEXIS to identify institutions which had been identified in newspaper articles as being diploma mills or granting fraudulent diplomas and we then checked our personnel records to determine if any of our employees had claimed educational credentials from these institutions. None had.
- 3. We have some additional feelers out for information about diploma mills and we will follow up on any additional information we receive. At this point, however, we have no knowledge of CIA employees holding fraudulent degrees.

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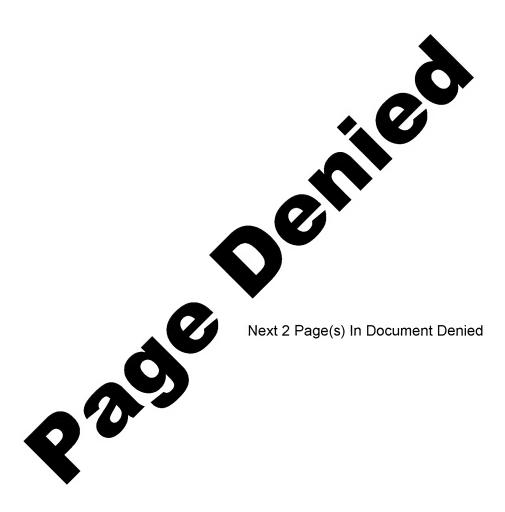
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11 June 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

Director of Personnel

FROM:

John H. Stein Inspector General

SUBJECT:

Fraudulent Degrees and Professional Credentials

- l. I am in receipt of a letter from Representative Claude Pepper, Chairman of the Select Committee on Aging of the House of Representatives, in which he asks for any information this office might have on employees of the Federal government who have obtained degrees and/or credentials from nonexistent or "diploma mill" institutions (letter and questionnaire are attached).
- 2. This office has no record of any such individuals; however, could you let me know by 20 June 1985 whether either the Office of Security or Office of Personnel have any knowledge of such fraudulent use of credentials.

John H. Stein John H. Stein

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June 5, 1985

Dear Mr. Stein:

Your attention to a matter of importance to this Subcommittee would be greatly appreciated.

The Subcommittee has been examining the issue of fraudulent degrees and professional credentials. Our initial work in this area focused on the sale and use of fraudulent medical credentials and a hearing was held in December 1984. We are now broadening the scope of our inquiries to include other types of degrees and credentials. In this regard, we have become aware of investigations conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation which have identified employees of the federal government who have obtained degrees and/or credentials from nonexistent or "diploma mill" institutions. We also understand that in instances where federal employees have surfaced during these investigations, the names of these individuals have been referred to the affected Office of Inspector General for appropriate attention. Please advise me whether you have received such referrals. If so, please provide the information requested on the attached sheet.

This information should reach me by June 26, 1985.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

Claude Peop

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Mr. John H. Stein, Inspector General Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

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1. How many employees were referred to your office by the FBI as having suspect degrees or credentials?	
2. How many of these employees were hired based, in part, on their suspect degrees or credentials?	or
3. How many employees were promoted as a result of their acquisition of suspect degrees or credentials?	
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